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FIBER PREFORM USING MCVD WITH PREHEATING PROCESS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2008, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), amendment, further examination and reconsideration of the above identified patent application is requested in view of the remarks offered below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.